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In re Application of:)
TAKASHI IKEDA) Examiner: Van Thu T. Nguyen
Application No.: 09/973,057) Group Art Unit: 2824
Filed: October 10, 2001)
For: MAGNETIC THIN FILM ELEMENT,)
MEMORY ELEMENT USING THE)
SAME, AND METHOD FOR)
RECORDING AND REPRODUCING)
USING THE MEMORY ELEMENT) June 8, 2004

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Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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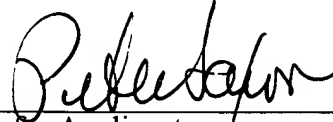
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed documents are also enclosed. An English abstract of the Japanese counterpart, JP 11-13587, of USP 6,329,078 B1 is also enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

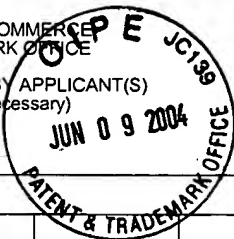


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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	Patent Abstracts of Japan, for JPLAO 11-13587, published 5/21/99.

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